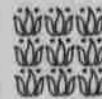




THE CHATTER-BOX



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BEING the Confession of a Well Known Bridegroom-elect: "Good-bye, girls, I'm through." No longer will I visit

the little sisters whose elder ones I knew so well and who now have kiddies old enough to call me uncle. No longer will I whisper sweet nothings into the tympanum of an old dowager's ear and believe I am having the time of my young life in society. No longer will I train my remaining hairs tenderly over my shiny bald spot. She has seen the spot and loves each and every individual hair. No longer will I burn the midnight oil, in looking up "Fitting Forms for Fashionable Fops at Foolish Funny Frolics." I'm content to settle down. And some day, boys, I'll settle up. Until then, fare thee all well. I hear the jingle of the coin, so "good-bye, girls, I'm through."

HOW sad that soon the market days will be over! However, while there's "fruit there's hope," and if old Jack Frost will just lay off for a few weeks perhaps the lovely little meetings will be continued. The pretty matron has taken a great deal of interest in the well stocked market basket and every morning early hastens to meet him. Perhaps his wife wonders why he is so anxious to cut the high cost of living and market himself early in the morning. How romantic it has been for them the long lovely midsummer mornings that are past, to have exchanged confidences under an avalanche of unromantic beets and carrots or dicker together for the price of a curly lettuce head, while he has told her a thousand times that the fairest peaches of the season could not rival her glowing cheeks (warranted to rub off.)

However, he did not add that, like the cabbages, her head was almost as empty, although rather large and, even in these sleek headed days, inclined to puffiness, the symptom of that new disease, "swelledightus," from which she has suffered for several seasons. Listen, gentle reader, the wife of the first part and the husband of the second part have recently heard of the doings of "The Good Old Summer Time," that has almost gone; and before the cucumbers are frosted, probably each will be on deck with a gun big enough to shoot something larger than a bunny.

"MOTHER," said the precocious youngster, "Why do all the soldiers at the Fort carry guns?" "The German prisoners can't get out and kill people can they?" "My son," replied the attractive young matron, as

she straightened his little straw hat, if the soldiers did not carry guns the women would carry them off."

A SMART bridge luncheon was given by Mrs. Harry Shearman at her lovely summer home "Casa Contentia," in Ogden canyon on Tuesday afternoon. Wild flowers in their gorgeous autumn tints were used for the decorations of the small tables where the luncheon was served. Among the guests were Mrs. Robert Gemmell, Mrs. Grant Hampton, Mrs. Samuel Park, Mrs. Ellsworth Daggett, Mrs. M. S. Woodward, Mrs. J. M. Bidwell, Mrs. Russell Coe Woodruff, Mrs. Karl A. Scheid, Mrs. Heber M. Wells, Mrs. Agnes Folsom, Mrs. F. J. Fabian, Mrs. Clarence Sprague, Mrs. Union Worthington, Mrs. Clifford S. Pearsall, Mrs. J. H. Leyson, Mrs. Margaret Zane Cherdron, Mrs. John A. Marshall, Mrs. J. P. Megeath and Miss Lane.

A MEETING of the war relief depots on Monday afternoon at the Hotel Utah, presided over by Mrs. D. Moore Lindsay, it was decided to give a series of bridge parties during the coming winter to raise money for the purchasing of materials for the winter's work. The depots were organized last spring by Mrs. Lindsay and hundreds of packages have been forwarded to the central depots in New York and London for the relief of the soldiers in the trenches.

THE regular fortnightly hop at Fort Douglas on Friday evening was one of the gay social events of the week and was attended by a number of belles and beaux from town. The committee on arrangements included Captain and Mrs. R. L. Eichelberger, Captain and Mrs. Livingston Watrous, and Captain Parley D. Parkinson.

ONE of the pretty war brides of the early autumn was Miss Genevra McClellan, the handsome young daughter of Prof. and Mrs. J. J. McClellan whose marriage to James Gordan Jennings was solemnized last Saturday evening. The young couple have been sweethearts for several years and the military wedding was the culmination of a pretty school day romance. The bridegroom is a graduate of the University of Utah and was a student in Berlin for several years, he returned home shortly before the war was declared, and then after the declaration enlisted in the ambulance corps and will be stationed at the training camp at Camp Grant, Rockford.

FROM Ogden comes the interesting announcement of the engagement of Miss June Scrowcroft, daughter of Mrs. Joseph Scrowcroft,

and Leland B. Swaner of this city. The young bride to be is one of the most winsome belles in Ogden's younger society set and was graduated from National Park Seminary last June. Mr. Swaner is well known in social and club circles and prominently identified with a local real estate firm. The wedding bells will ring in November and the wedding promises to be a brilliant social event.

MRS. Walter Tuttle presided over a beautifully appointed luncheon on Tuesday afternoon at her country home near Murray. The guests were seated at one long table that was gay with an artistic combination of early autumn flowers gathered from the garden of the hostess. Sixteen matrons motored out for the delightful affair.

MISS Darlene Kimball entertained at a prettily arranged luncheon on Monday afternoon at the Hotel Utah. Garden flowers in the pastel shades decorated the table and covers were laid for Mrs. Herbert H. Calvin, Miss Marjorie Howard, Miss Adelaide Woodruff, Miss Helen Kearns and Miss Carolyn Cowan.

COLONEL and Mrs. Enos A. Wall have issued cards announcing the marriage of their daughter Mary Olga to Captain Clarence Donald Lang of Fifteenth United States field artillery, on Saturday, September at Watertown, New York.

A DELIGHTFUL reception was given on Tuesday evening at the Ladies Literary clubhouse in honor of Rt. Rev. Bishop Joseph C. Glass C. M. D. D. by the members of the Catholic Womans League. The auditorium was prettily decorated with a wealth of sunflowers and scarlet rose berries. The guests were greeted by Bishop Glass, who outlined the work for the coming year. Mrs. A. H. S. Bird, president of the league, also gave an informal address. A musical program was a feature of the evening under the direction of Mrs. Lydia White Boothby. The affair was arranged by the entertainment committee of the league that includes Mrs. James Bernard McEnany, chairman; Mrs. W. S. Hodgson, Mrs. Nicholas A. Robertson, Mrs. Louise Sullivan, Mrs. J. A. Slaughter, Mrs. Otto Fisher, Mrs. John T. White, and Mrs. James O'Connor.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Vincent Lyle have taken the Louis D. Farnsworth home in East South Temple street for the winter. For the past year the Lyles have occupied the Benner X. Smith home that has been recently purchased by Judge Thomas Marion-eaux.

Miss Marie Bancroft and Miss Adelaide Bancroft have returned from Del Monte and Pebble Beach, near Monterey, California, where they have spent a most delightful summer.

Mrs. David Howells, accompanied by her sister Miss Jean Cannon, left on Wednesday for New York, where they will be at home for the winter at 165 Riverside Drive. Mrs. Howells will be joined at Christmas time by Mr. Howells who has been in the Orient for the past six months.

From Ray, Arizona comes word of the arrival of a little daughter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas D. Moffat. Mrs. Moffat will be remembered as Miss "Chetchy" Wells, the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rulon S. Wells.

Captain and Mrs. Walter V. Cotchett left on Monday for Chicago where Captain Cotchett has been detailed as aide de camp to Major General Carter. The Cotchett's will be missed both in social circles at Fort Douglas and in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Kimball have taken the apartment of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Faus in the Knickerbocker for the winter.

Miss Margaret Walker and Miss Sibyl Walker, the attractive young daughters of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Walker, have returned to Boston for the winter. Miss Margaret will study art, and Miss Sibyl will enter her senior year at the Boston Tech.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Armstrong left on Tuesday for Washington, D. C. for a two week's visit with Captain and Mrs. Sherman Armstrong.

Mrs. Arthur H. S. Bird has returned from California, where she has spent the past three week. Misses Marion and Joan Bird will attend school at Menlo Park during the coming winter.

Mrs. Hugh Sprague left on Monday for Chicago. Later she will go to Camp Grant, Rockford, Ill., where Dr. Sprague is a member of the ambulance corps.

Mrs. Miller Guy of South Bend, Ind. arrived the latter part of the week to be the guest of her sister, Mrs. Charles Doolittle, for a month.

Dr. and Mrs. Earl C. Fairweather are receiving the congratulations of their friends on the arrival of a little son at their home. Mrs. Fairweather was formally Miss Jessie Home.